

products in the international market. The downward adjustment in the exchange rate of Rupee effected in early July 1991 was expected to raise the landed cost of imported raw materials and components.

(b) to (d) The supplies to the Government are made on the basis of contracts entered into by the Government and the Domestic Supplier and decisions on request for price escalation whenever received by the contracting departments are taken based on the terms and conditions contained in the individual contracts.

#### **Demands of Small Savings Agents**

5010 SHRI ANNA JOSHI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) whether the Union Government have received any memorandum from the All India Mahila Pradhan and Small Savings Agents Confederation,

(b) if so, the details of their demands, and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government to each of these demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Yes Sir

(b) and (c) The demands of the Agents Federation for increasing the rate of commission to small savings agents, issue of identity slips to holders of National Savings Certificates VIII Issue and introduction of new schemes have not been agreed to. As regards the demand for quick settlement of commission claims of agents, necessary instructions have been issued in this regard.

[*Translation*]

#### **Import of Foodgrains**

5011 SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH  
SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state

(a) the countries from which foodgrains were imported during the last year and the quantity thereof, and

(b) the countries from which foodgrains are proposed to be imported during the current year along with the quantity and the mode of payment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) During 1990-91 a quantity of 0.45 lakh MT of rice was imported from Vietnam as repayment of commodity loan. No import of wheat was undertaken during 1990-91.

(b) No wheat and rice has been imported during 1991-92 so far. However, it has been decided to import one million tonnes of wheat during 1992 with a view to increase its availability and to contain the market prices, but no contracts have been finalised so far.

#### **Per Capita Tax Revenue Collection**

5012 SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) the per capita tax collected during the last three years, State wise,

(b) whether the per capita tax collected in Bihar is higher than other States, and

(c) if so, the efforts, if any, made by the Union Government to reduce the per capita tax burden in Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI  
RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) State-wise  
figures of per capita Income tax (including  
Corporation tax) collected during the last  
three years are given in the enclosed state-  
ment.

As regards Customs and Central Excise  
duties, since the goods on which these  
duties are levied are free to move in any part  
of the country, the collection of duty and its

sharing by the population of a State is not  
directly related.

(b) The per capita Income tax (including  
Corporation tax) collected in Bihar, during  
1990-91, is less than all other states except  
Mizoram, Sikkim, and Tripura. It is also  
much less than the All India average per  
capita income tax collection.

(c) In view of reply to part (b), Question  
does not arise.

## STATEMENT

Per Capita Income tax (including Corporation tax) collection (In rupees)

Sl. No.	State	1988-89			1989-90		1990-91	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Andhra Pradesh			34.64	44.28		51.51	
2.	Arunachal Pradesh			22.22	22.22		22.22	
3.	Assam			26.91	32.74		32.74	
4.	Bihar			12.98	15.41		17.96	
5.	Goa			208.33	258.33		325.00	
6.	Gujarat			108.01	125.12		113.83	
7.	Haryana			42.33	50.92		61.93	
8.	Himachal Pradesh			29.41	39.22		35.29	
9.	Jammu & Kashmir			35.06	25.97		51.95	
10.	Karnataka			77.23	78.57		78.57	
11.	Kerala			47.93	52.76		74.48	
12.	Madhya Pradesh			22.99	26.32		28.44	
13.	Maharashtra			372.68	419.82		479.42	

Sl. No.	State	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
1	2	3	4	5
14.	Manipur	11.11	33.33	33.33
15.	Meghalaya	27.78	33.33	38.89
16.	Mizoram	14.29	43	.29
17.	Nagaland	25.00	41.67	41.67
18.	Orissa	16.83	21.15	26.35
19.	Punjab	92.08	102.97	116.34
20.	Rajasthan	20.27	28.25	35.08
21.	Sikkim	-	0.50	4.25
22.	Tamil Nadu	85.79	112.23	127.16
23.	Tripura	3.70	14.81	14.81
24.	Uttar Pradesh	58.13	57.27	33.45
25.	West Bengal	106.03	119.41	139.56